

WARD NEWS

Ward 5 - Councilmember Helgen

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Dear Resident:

Last fall, residents in your neighborhood were invited to a meeting to learn more about a potential partnership between the City of Saint Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation – Orchard Recreation Center and the St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club. That partnership has now been made official through a formal agreement, and I would like to give you an update on what this means for you as area residents:

- Parks and Recreation will continue to maintain all outdoor spaces, including tennis courts, the play area, and the turf.
- The fields will be available for general use when they are not being used for soccer.
- The building will be accessible to the public for such things as restroom use when the Blackhawks are holding soccer practice.
- The building may also be made available for community meetings or special events upon request, and based on availability.
- The monthly Tuesday morning senior group will continue to be able to meet at Orchard Recreation Center.

If you have other questions, Blackhawk soccer representatives, Parks and Recreation staff, and I will be available at Orchard Recreation Center on Thursday, April 17 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. to talk about the partnership and answer any additional questions that you might have.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Helgen".

Lee Helgen
Councilmember, Ward 5

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